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even a breath of suspicion before have been ruined for life by the charm of a blue coat and brass buttons.'

"Harrisburg to-night is patrolled by guards as if it were in a state of siege, while hundreds of other soldiers throng the streets. Soldiers are drinking at every bar, from that of the magnificently-appointed "Commonwealth" to low grogeries on East State street and its adjoining alleys. The patrol-wagon rushes up and down with the clamor of its gong, and seems to be paying attention to only the obstreperously drunk, for within a block and a half I have just seen not less than five drunken soldiers lying on the sidewalk and doorsteps. When I arrived here at three o'clock this morning the hotel bars were busy supplying drinks to soldiers, and after daylight twenty "all-night drunks" were gathered in by the police, and I was told that the number was not at all remarkable except that it was so few. The other day Mayor Patterson, of Harrisburg, arrested an intoxicated soldier who was staggering along the streets; but if the mayor were to arrest every drunken soldier that there is in Harrisburg to-night he would have more than an all-night's job.

"The disreputable quarters of the city are particularly thronged with the boys in blue, and up and down in front of the houses of shame pace the guards with fixed bayonets; not to keep the boys out, but to make sure that the shameless women are well protected in following their vocation.

"In more than one sense Sherman was right when he said: 'War is hell.'"

Relations between France and England have been strained over the Fashoda affair, and preparations of the navies of both countries were hurriedly made which looked threatening. There has probably been no real danger of immediate war. France has given up the purpose to hold Fashoda, which England even at the risk of war, had determined that she should not hold. Diplomacy has found an "honorable" way out of the trouble. It is infinitely to France's honor that she has had the courage to abstain from war. Whatever rights she may have had at Fashoda would have been very wickedly maintained at the cost of a great and terrible war.

Brevities.

Since the formation of the United States government, 19,000 white men, women and children and 30,000 Indians have been killed in our Indian wars. This has cost the government \$807,073,658, or something over \$16,000 per corpse.

... Josiah W. Leeds' tireless peace pen recently contributed to "City and State" (Philadelphia) an interesting article entitled "Not Lacking in Patriotism."

... John Hawthorne, a grandson of Nathaniel Hawthorne, wrote to his mother just after the battle of Santiago: "I never knew what a cruel and barbarous thing war was until I had been through this battle. At least a dozen men were killed and wounded right around me. Hereafter I am in favor of international arbitration."

... The Institute of International Law recently celebrated at The Hague the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. The meetings were held in the Senate

Chamber under the presidency of Mr. Asser, a member of the State Council.

... An English Section of the Peace Association of Journalists has been formed. Many English journalists have become members.

... On the occasion of the accession of Queen Wilhelmina, the General Dutch Peace Society sent to the young queen a letter of congratulation, and of its wishes that harmony may reign between the sovereign and the nation, on the basis of justice and peace.

... The *twenty-fourth* of August, the day on which Nicholas II. issued his peace manifesto, was the anniversary of the liberation of the serfs by Alexander II.

... Carlyle says: "Under the sky is no uglier spectacle than two men with clinched teeth and hell-fire eyes hacking one another's flesh, converting precious living bodies and priceless living souls into nameless masses of putrescence, useful only for turnip manure."

... The American Humane Education Society has now established, all told, thirty-four thousand two hundred and sixty-three Bands of Mercy. War is doomed!

... George T. Angell, editor of *Our Dumb Animals*, thinks, very sensibly, that *whiskey* is a much more appropriate liquid than *water* with which to "christen" a new war-ship "with all its infernal machinery for the destruction of human life."

... The Sultan has ordered the withdrawal of all Turkish troops from Crete, in compliance with the joint note of Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy.

... All the European governments have consented to Italy's suggestion of a general conference for the discussion of the measures to be taken for the suppression of Anarchism.

... The Hawaiian Congressional Commission has completed its labors at Honolulu and returned to this country. It will meet in Washington this month to decide what kind of a government it will recommend for the Hawaiian islands.

... General Gordon's sister has written that being "avenged," as General Kitchener is said to have avenged him, is the last thing that her brother would have desired. But men who love and practice war must expect to be spoken of in war terms, even if their Christianity gets ignored. They have their reward.

... The Emperor of Germany is having embossed on his cannon the motto, "The King's last argument." One would have thought, from the Emperor's utterances, that he would have used the word *first* or *only*.

Woman and War.

BY ERNEST HOWARD CROSBY.
From "*War Echoes*"

I saw a lamb gnashing its untried teeth,
Rending the fleece
Of its own brother, piece by piece,
Until beneath
Blood trickled red upon the heath,
And stained the mouth of that perverted lamb,—
That mouth not made to frighten,
But rather to whiten
With the innocent milk of its dam.